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This is how the new Denton Road Bridge, now under construction, will look when it is done, which is expected to be by the end of this year. These views are looking south. The bridge is similar in design to the Belleville Bridge including the bollards created by the late Chesley Odom for his prize-winning amenities. Clearance for watercraft has been heightened to be similar to the Belleville Bridge. The Denton Road Bridge has LED lights at night and features Van Buren Township signage, decorative blocks, and a pedestrian path to tie in to the Iron Belle Trail.

Van Buren Township gives Denton Road Bridge update

By Ron Akers
 Municipal Services Director
 Van Buren Township

Van Buren Township is excited to show the community renderings of the new bridge.

The original Denton Road Bridge, constructed in 1927, served the community for nearly a century before its closure due to structural concerns.

The new Denton Road Bridge will feature an elevated roadway and bridge structure. Combined with a single support column, this design will provide boat clearance equal to that of the current Belleville Road

Bridge. The Denton causeway and the banks of the bridge will be clad in natural stone, harmonizing with the surrounding environment, which is consistent with public survey results the Township received in November 2023 on the bridge's exterior.

The bridge will be constructed of reinforced concrete, ensuring durability and longevity. Both the north and south sides will prominently display the logo of Van Buren Township.

The two-lane bridge will also include a pedestrian walkway and lamp-style lighting, enhancing safety and aesthetics. Six bricked columns, each topped with the

classic Belleville Bridge concrete ball, will be added to match the Denton Bridge's sister bridge. Black ornamental gating will be installed along the bridge and causeway, providing security and visual appeal.

Additionally, the bridge will feature a programmable lighting system that can be adjusted for different events and occasions, adding a dynamic element to the structure. Through the dedicated efforts of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, in collaboration with county officials, the construction timeline has been reduced from the originally quoted six years to less than four, ensuring the community benefits

from the new bridge much sooner than anticipated.

The construction of the Denton Road Bridge has been under way for the past few months so we wanted to take this opportunity to answer some frequently asked questions regarding the bridge and bridge construction.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- When will the passageway be open for boat traffic? How many days will it be closed?

Once the contractor places the cofferdam sheeting and the drilled shafts for the

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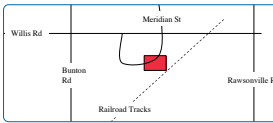
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



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As part of the winning alliance at the FIRST Renaissance District Event, the 2025 Bellevillains team, coaches, and mentors show off their winner's banner, trophy, plaque, and medals.

Bellevillains earn district banner, berth in state district championships

By Mark Laginess

On the heels of a finalist (second place) finish at the FIRST Robotics Belleville District Event, the Bellevillains of Belleville High School Team 6615 and their alliance partners finished as winners of the Detroit Renaissance High School District Event on March 28-29.

The team also garnered the Engineering Inspiration Award for their third trophy in two weeks. The district banner is the second one earned in the team's nine-year history.

After finishing 17th at the end of qualifying matches in the Belleville event, the Bellevillains improved to the 7th seed at Renaissance. This guaranteed them a spot in the playoffs as the top eight teams were assured of that status.

However, in an interesting turn of events, the captain of Alliance 1, Team 2960, Automation Nation, of Birmingham Groves and Seaholm High Schools, was forced to make an alternate selection when their first choice, RoboCubs of Team 1701 from University of Detroit Jesuit High School, opted to form their own team as

Alliance 2 captain instead of accepting Automation Nation's invitation.

Team 2960 turned its attention to Team 6615 next, and the Bellevillains agreed to partner with them. Team 9252, Wingspan, from Pontiac Academy for Excellence, rounded out the three-team alliance.

In their first playoff match, Alliance 1 edged Alliance 8, made up of alliance captain and homefield team RoboPhoenix (Team 2224, Renaissance HS), Robo Falcons (Team 8179, Dearborn Divine Child HS), and D-Tech (Team 3632, Detroit School of Arts), by a score of 142-132.

Next up was another close 173-167 victory over Alliance 4 (alliance captain The Atoms Family, Team 4405 from Plymouth Christian Academy; Robocanes, Team 7145 from Detroit Douglass Academy; and Team 5577, Kinematic Wolves from Detroit Cristo Rey HS), and that was followed by a more convincing 163-140 semi-final win over Alliance 2 (RoboCubs and their partners Team 7656 MC Hammers from Michigan Center HS and Team 4851 from Detroit Southeastern

HS), placing Alliance 1 in the finals.

Alliance 2 would emerge from the loser's bracket to claim the other finals' spot, and after a nail-biter which saw Alliance 1 escape with a 131-126 win, the second match in the best two-of-three final wasn't close. Alliance 1 swept the finals with a 138-89 victory.

Just prior to claiming their first-place finish awards, the Bellevillains were honored by the event judges with the Engineering Inspiration Award.

According to FIRST, "The Engineering Inspiration Award celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school or organization, and community. Inspiring others to respect science and technology requires passion, knowledge, and commitment, and we recognize these qualities through this award."

As is generally the case when awards are issued by the judges, the script which is read as the winner is announced contains hints as to whom the award would be given. That was certainly the case from the start with the judges' description which read,

"MWAH-HA-HA (evil laugh), this team has a master plan for worldwide education. Filling young minds with ideas of STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math] and Gracious Professionalism, their influence isn't actually SINISTER at all. With this award in their grasp, nothing can stop them from enacting their plan of inspirational VILLANY. Congratulations, Team 6615!"

The Bellevillains' district performance vaulted them into a tie for 24th place out of the 528 teams competing this year in the state of Michigan. This earned them an invitation to the state district championship at Saginaw Valley State University on April 3-5 where the top 160 teams compete for a state title and the potential to advance to the world championships in Houston, Texas from April 17-19.

Because of the large number of teams in Michigan, the top 80 teams at the end of the state championships will receive invitations to Houston.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Why do we need people to pick up trash others dump?

The Michigan Highway Department announces that the Adopt-a-Highway volunteers will be out for their first pickup of the year, starting this Saturday, April 5.

For 35 years families and clubs and businesses have been donating their time and wearing their shiny green vests to walk along the state roadsides and pick up trash. We need to watch out for them while driving.

We can't thank these volunteers enough. What would our state look like if no one picked up the trash?

But, the real question is why should people have to volunteer to pick up after those who choose to dump stuff out of their vehicle windows as they drive along? Why do people throw their trash out their windows and then drive on as if they did something clever by getting rid of their trash and having a tidier vehicle inside?

Although it's not their trash, people who live along roadways walk along their property and pick up the trash. In front of houses not far from party stores are empty miniature bottles that once held alcohol that have been flung out. The drivers obviously are drinking and driving or their passengers are.

There are all kinds of trash, some quite disgusting, but not many pop bottles or beer cans for obvious reasons. We wish the Adopt-a-Highway volunteers didn't have to clean up after thoughtless people who trash our community. But, we thank them.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

A neighbor called us with the name of the unknown veteran standing in the back row in a group picture we published on page 3 of last week's *Independent*. His name is Pat McMillan.

Another neighbor, Beth Kingsley, sent us the name in writing, noting, "We know it was not intentional, but this is our wonderful neighbor Pat McMillan. He is a great guy."

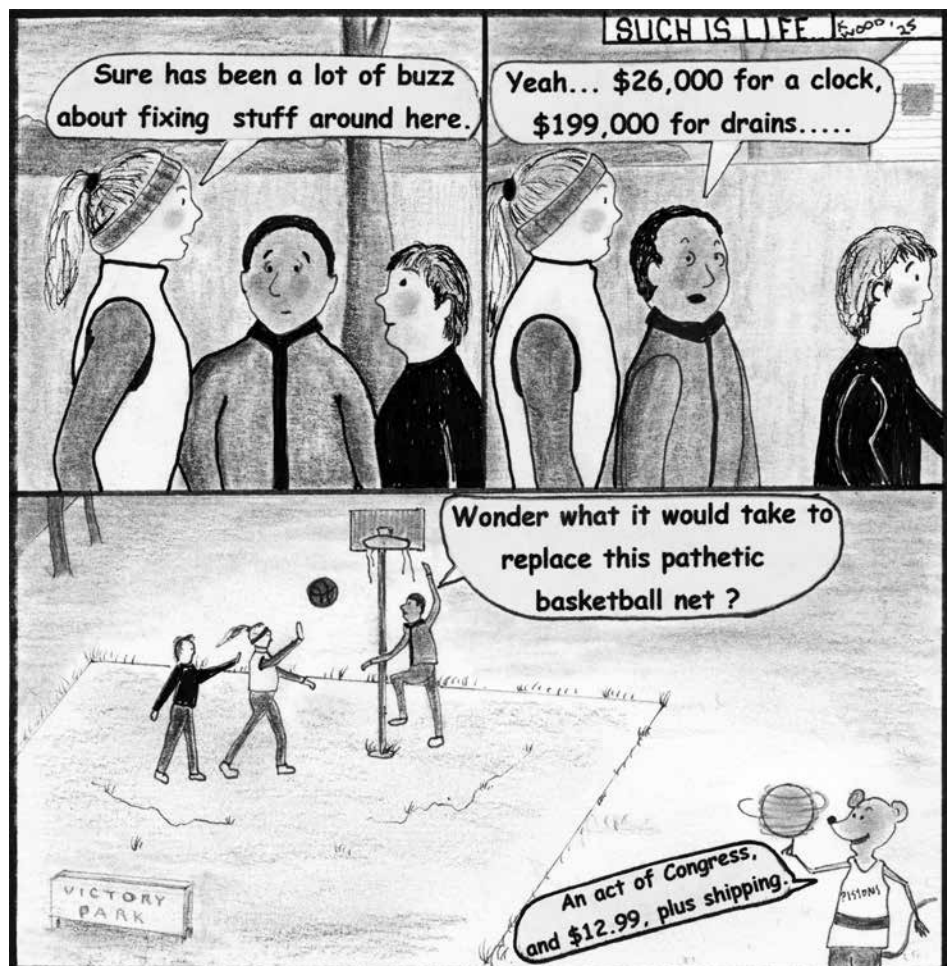
Thank you both for the information.

Many readers have asked us about details of the new Denton Road Bridge and how it will look when it's done. Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara responded to those questions and made sure the questions were answered. The pictures and report are on today's front page. Thank you to Supervisor McNamara and to Director Ron Akers who got the information to the *Independent*.

There is a lot of chatter about BHS senior Bryce Underwood who left high school early to early-enroll at the University of Michigan to study football. Many are expecting the 17 year old to be starting quarterback for the Michigan Wolverines this season. He's good, but good enough for that? The team's annual spring game is April 19 at the Big House. Local football fans have high expectations of who will be quarterback in that game. The Aug. 30 season opener is against New Mexico.

On the front page of Sunday's *Detroit Free Press* is a picture of Lev'Veon Jones-White, 10, of Ypsilanti, who is a fifth grader at Owen Intermediate School. He is shown on the play equipment at McDonald's on

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Rawsonville Road. The long story is about how his heart suddenly failed and after being unable to revive him with CPR, doctors at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor put him on a machine and then implanted an artificial heart temporarily until a real heart was available. He was the youngest ever to get the artificial heart.

And, it kept him alive until a heart was available and he got a heart implant on Oct. 1. He was able to get back to school in January and now he is back to his former, lively self. Nice story.

Just below that story on Sunday's front page of the *Free Press* was the story of Veronica Ramirez, 49, of Detroit, who is being deported to Mexico by ICE on a federal felony charge. She had been removed from this country three times earlier, according to the story.

Ramirez was arrested by ICE after she called Van Buren Township Police to report a Feb. 14 assault by a coworker at an assisted living facility. She told police the coworker jumped on her and beat her on the left side of her head. Her son took her to a hospital for treatment. The police report said the injury appeared minor.

In doing the police report, she was asked for her address and gave the officer only a passport, no address, the story said. They ran her name through the Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) to see if there were any warrants for her, which is standard

procedure. Later she told VBT police that her supervisor told her to drop the charges against her coworker and so she did. The story said the supervisor denied telling her that.

There was the federal warrant, however, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers pulled her from her car when she wouldn't comply with their request to get out. She was incarcerated. VBT police said they did not intentionally summon ICE.

The newspaper story focused on community safety being compromised if residents were afraid to call police for help because they are illegal aliens and might get deported. It cited another incident out of Detroit.

Ramirez also had been cited for two driving violations on Feb. 11, 2024 in VBT – driving without a cycling endorsement and a registration/plate violation. On March 11, 2024 at 34th District Court the charges were dismissed and she pled guilty to a new charge of double parking and paid the \$250 fine with her credit card. Her address was in Detroit on court paperwork for these charges.

The story pointed out that the previous brush with the law apparently didn't trigger ICE.



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Letters

Distinguished Graduate Ceremony set April 25

To the editor:

We are pleased to extend a warm invitation to the public or the 2025 Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate Induction Ceremony, which will take place on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the Belleville High School auditorium.

In addition to the ceremony, the Distinguished Graduate Committee will host a recognition dinner prior to the event. The dinner will be held in the Belleville High School Cafeteria (Commons), and we cordially invite you, your family, and any guests to join us for this memorable occasion. The cost for the dinner is \$30 per person (cash), payable at the door. The schedule is as follows:

Event Details:

- What: Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate Induction Ceremony

- When: Friday, April 25

5-6:15 p.m.: Dinner for all Distinguished Graduates and their guests in BHS Commons

7 p.m.: Induction Ceremony at BHS Auditorium

Please confirm your attendance at the dinner and/or ceremony by Thursday, April 17. This will help us make the necessary arrangements for the meal and ceremony. To RSVP, kindly contact Dawn Spicer at Belleville High School via email at dspicer@vanburenschools.net or by phone at (734) 697-9133, ext. 2015.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you!

Falisadoll P. Green, assistant principal
Belleville High School

Support group meets for blind, visually impaired

To the editor,

There is a support group for the blind and visually impaired that meets every fourth Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. Transportation is available for those who reside in Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township.

For more information, please contact Kenneth Stewart at (734) 507-6282.

For transportation, please call (734) 461-9373.

The meetings are at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

Kenneth Stewart
Sumpter Township

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, April 3** – If you own property on Ford or Belleville Lake, there is a workshop at 6 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library to promote water quality using lake-friendly practices on your property. This informational meeting is free and open to the public, but seating is limited to 50 people. Register at www.hrwc.org/shorelineworkshop

- **Thursday, April 3** – The Tiger Elite Winter Color Guards host a free Friends and Family Show at the Owen Intermediate School gymnasium at 7 p.m. Community members also are invited to participate in a “Try It with Your Friends and Family” hour from 7 to 8 p.m.

- **Friday, April 4** – St. Aloysius, 37200 Neville St., Romulus, Lenten Fish Fry, homemade cod and shrimp dinners, 4:30-7 p.m. Baked or fried, \$15; pizza, \$6; kids meals, \$9. Credit and debit cards accepted. Curbside pickup, 313-597-3194.

- **Friday, April 4** – Lenten Fish Fry at 5 p.m. and Music Bingo at 7:30 p.m., all at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Open to the public.

- **Saturday, April 5** – Local residents who are taking part in a demonstration at the Canton Township administration building, invite ticked-off constituents to join them at 1 p.m. to protest federal cuts to a long list of areas in the Trump agenda. The event is an Indivisible project, one of several mass mobilizations on that day, with more information at handsoff2025.com.

- **Friday, April 11** – St. Aloysius, 37200 Neville St., Romulus, Lenten Fish Fry, homemade cod and shrimp dinners, 4:30-7 p.m. Baked or fried, \$15; pizza, \$6; kids meals, \$9. Credit and debit cards accepted. Curbside pickup, 313-597-3194.

- **Friday, April 11** – Lenten Fish Fry at 5 p.m., meat auction at 7:30 p.m., and Flaut Love (2-person band), all at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Open to the public.

- **Sunday, April 13** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students/ seniors/children, and \$30 per family. www.ypsilantisymphony.org

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Musings

By Janet Millard
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Next Thursday, April 10, brings us another Classic Movie at the Belleville Area District Library. At 6:30 p.m. they will be showing "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" from 1964 starring Catherine Deneuve, Nino Castelnuovo, and Anne Vernon. Boy, I had to google this one. It is a unique classic French romantic musical. Enjoy!

Well, we are finally in Easter month, so let's start with April 12, 10 a.m.-noon at Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr. Their Easter event will have games, face painting, candy prizes, bounce house, Bible stories and an egg hunt. Lots of fun for the littles.

The second Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26. It steps off at BHS at 10 a.m. Entry forms with a deadline of May 10 are available by calling or texting (734) 558-5368 or go to bellevillecentralbusinesscommunity.com

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue are holding their 16th Golf Outing on May 31 at Green Oaks Golf Course in Ypsilanti. They are looking for both sponsors and golfers so let them know if you have an interest. Call (734) 904-9060 or Golf@dirtyk9,dig .

The Van Buren Eagles already have tickets, only \$15, ready for their Kentucky Derby party scheduled for May 3. They will have raffles and an in-house race starting at 3:30 p.m. Dinner is from 5-7 p.m., watch the Kentucky Derby, and the Scott Martin Band starts at 7:30 p.m. Get your tickets before they are sold out – (734) 636-4909.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

Gov. appoints Danci to Michigan Community Service Commission

On March 20, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced appointments to state boards and commission, including the appointment of Jazmine Danci to the Michigan Community Service Commission.

Danci, of Romulus, is the economic development administrator for the Downriver Community Conference. Danci holds a Bachelor of Arts in environmental policy and analysis from Bowling Green State University and a Master of Science in natural resources and environment from the University of Michigan.

She was appointed to represent experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental, or public safety services to communities and persons for a term

commencing March 20, 2025, and expiring Oct. 1, 2027. Danci succeeds Eric Schneidewind, whose term has expired.

This appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Jazmine Danci is the wife of former Sumpter Township Public Works Director John Danci. John Danci now is DPS Director for Dearborn Heights.

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April 6 – Kathryn Wood

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Lynda Lee Horvath
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LYNDA LEE HORVATH

(December 9, 1942 – March 15, 2025)

Lynda Lee Horvath, 82, of Belleville, went to be with her Lord March 15, 2025. She was born December 9, 1942 in Belleville, Michigan to Glenn and Larinda Ritter. She was a beautiful woman who loved her husband Mike, sharing 56 years of marriage together.

In 1961, Lynda graduated from Belleville High School. She was also a captain for the majorettes. Lynda worked for years at Bethany Day Care Center helping care for children. She also enjoyed singing in the choir at Bethany Bible Church.

Lynda was very creative, artistic, and loved planting beautiful flowers. She will be remembered for her kindness, compassion, and unwavering love for her family. Her legacy of love and the fruits of her spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew her.

Lynda was preceded in death by her parents Glenn and Larinda Ritter and her brother-in-law, Cliff Perry. Lynda is survived by her husband Mike Horvath; her children Rene'e (Mark) LeClair, Michael (Melissa) Horvath, Bryan (Michelle) Horvath, Brad Horvath (Stephanie Sharpe), Tonya Horvath (Ryan Scherz); her grandchildren Marissa (Sam) Parham, Blaine LeClair, Cole Horvath, Hunter Horvath, Madison Horvath, Ava Horvath, Sophia Horvath, Chase Horvath, Parker Horvath, Colin Schuman, and Carson Schuman; and her sisters Glenda Perry and Cheryl (John) Sineveck.

A memorial service will be held Friday, April 4, at 10 a.m. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI.



James Edward Pollard

JAMES EDWARD POLLARD

May 14, 1928 – March 30, 2025

James Pollard, age 96, of Belleville, MI, formerly from Norway, MI, passed away on March 30, 2025, at home in hospice care surrounded by family. He was born on May 14, 1928, in Norway, MI, to John and Mabel (Honeychurch) Pollard. Growing up he worked on the Pollard Dairy Farm. After graduation from Norway High School, Jim attended Michigan State University earning a bachelor's degree in food science in 1951. This was the height of the Korean War, so he enlisted in the army. After basic training, leadership school, and six months of O.C.S. he was commissioned to be a First Lieutenant. He was assigned as an Instructor of Infantry Tactics. In this area he ran the infiltration course at Camp Breckinridge, KY. It was while at this post that he met and married Ruth Buttrum in 1953. They shared 60 beautiful years together. When he separated from the military in 1954, C.F. Burger Creamery in Detroit was his career for 8 years, then he worked for Economic Laboratory in St. Paul, Minnesota. He worked here for 16 years servicing the food industry with sanitation chemicals in Southeastern Michigan. Jim then moved on to Diversey Wyandotte where he was employed for 13 years as a sales manager, technical service director for food plants in the eastern half of the United States. Upon retirement in 1992 Jim and Ruth moved to Norway, MI and lived there until 2012. He was active and full of life all the way into his 90s, which included skydiving at age 90, playing pickleball, and he loved farming and gardening. He really enjoyed the sunflowers. But most of all he was a great dad, father and grandfather. He will be truly missed.

James is survived by his children, James (Dawn E.) Pollard of Belleville, MI, Howard (Dawn L.) Pollard of Dearborn, MI, and Paul (Pam) Pollard of Belleville, MI; siblings, Richard Pollard of Chelsea, MI, Marvin (Marion) Pollard of Norway, MI, and Tom (Suzanne) Pollard of Norway, MI; his grandchildren, John, James III, Christopher, Heather, Chelsea, Misty, Melissa, and Macon; his great-grandchildren, Ian, Viktor, Cayden, Brooke, Braylen, Kaylee, Addy, Tatum and Charlotte; as well as many neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ruth Pollard, daughter Collette Pollard and two brothers, Denton and Weldon Pollard. According to his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. A celebration of his life will take place in the near future.

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Western Wayne County Hands Off! protest set for Saturday in Canton

Residents of communities in western Wayne County will gather to protest a wide range of federal government actions and orders on Saturday, April 5, beginning at 1 p.m. in front of the Canton Township administration building on Canton Center Road.

Local leaders will give brief remarks beginning at 1:30 p.m. Attendees are welcome to join at any time, and stay as long as they can, until 3 p.m.

The protest is part of the Hands Off! National Day of Action, a mass mobilization of events organized by local chapters of the group Indivisible. The Canton event is organized by members of the Belleville Area Friends Indivisible, which welcomes members from Belleville and surrounding communities.

All residents of Belleville, Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Westland, Van Buren and Superior Townships and beyond are welcome to join, and encouraged to bring signs to express their opinion under their First Amendment rights.

Some of the issues that have brought people together under the Indivisible movement include drastic funding cuts, mass firings and other actions and proposals affecting veterans, Social Security, scientific and medical research, public education,

Library news release

Free adult literacy tutoring is now available at district library

The Belleville Area District library has restarted its Adult Literacy Tutoring Program and has several volunteer tutors trained and awaiting learners. They are looking for those aged 18 and up who would like to gain or improve their reading skills.

This program is completely confidential, and the sessions will be tailored to each learner based on what the learner wants and needs to accomplish. Learners will be matched with tutors who are able to meet on the learner's schedule, and meetings will be scheduled in the library.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, contact Jennifer Richardson, Belleville Area District Library Outreach Librarian, at (734) 699-3291 or jrichardson@belleville.lib.mi.us.

Obituaries



FRANCIS XAVIER ZAMMITT

February 2, 1931 – March 26, 2025

Age 94 of Belleville passed away at Hampton Manor Assisted Living. Served in the Navy and at Marathon Oil. Survived by eight children, 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren. Visitation was April 1 at David C. Brown Funeral Home and funeral mass April 2 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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Organizers chose the Canton location to be convenient for western Wayne County and eastern Washtenaw County residents who may be unable to travel to a large protest planned for the state Capitol building in Lansing.

Attendees are asked to park in the Heritage Park parking lots and meet in front of the Canton administration building at 1150 Canton Center Rd.

Attendees are asked to not use the Canton Public Library lot to allow patrons access to the library.

The protest will be on the sidewalks and lawn in front of the building, which is accessible public space and subject to Michigan law (www.aclumich.org). This is

a rain, snow or shine event.

A core principle behind Hands Off! is a commitment to nonviolent action. An RSVP is requested, but not required, at <https://www.mobilize.us/handsoff/event/766333/>

For more information about all Hands Off! 2025 events, see: <https://handsoff2025.com>



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Property owners clean up after Sunday storm that toppled trees

Trees and branches were scattered throughout the tri-community on Monday morning as residents woke to determine the damage from Sunday night's storm that was forecast to contain wind gusts of 80 mph.

Trees fell across cars and yards and blocked some roadways throughout Sumpter and Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville. The 5 Points intersection was without power and drivers took turns going through that section of city roadway.

Three family members died when a tree fell on a car Sunday evening in Climax Township in Kalamazoo County. Three other family members in the vehicle were injured. No fatalities were reported locally.

The National Weather Service reported one tornado on the ground in Michigan Sunday at 6:05 p.m. near Croton in rural Newago County.

The storms brought a mix of tornado warnings and severe thunderstorm warnings and hail warnings for mid-and lower Michigan for early evening into about 10 p.m. But after the storm passed through the tri-community just after 7 p.m., the severe thunderstorm warnings were cancelled at 8 p.m. Rain continued to fall.

Although there was no tornado warning issued in Wayne County, local residents could hear emergency sirens activated for the severe weather.

As of 9:10 p.m. Sunday, more than 28,000 DTE Energy customers were reportedly without service in the Detroit area, including some in Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the city of Belleville. The outages lasted into Monday.

The strongest wind gust reported in this region was a 96 mph gust in Jackson, but both Willow Run and Metro Airports reported 63 mph gusts.

The National Weather Service reports winds damage and video of a large tree uprooted at 7:05 p.m. north of Willis Road between Sumpter and Rawsonville roads, near Karr Road in Sumpter Township.

The Weather Service also reports at 7:07 p.m. numerous large trees were uprooted

and blown down in the same direction, one tree falling on a home and causing significant damage and destroying a small barn or large shed. This was north of Bemis Road, west of Sumpter Road in Van Buren Township.

Library news release

Belleville Area District Library Seed Library entering its second year

The Belleville Area District Library Seed Library was started in the spring of 2024 to help people get started growing flowers and their own food.

In addition to the seeds, the library now has a selection of gardening tools available to borrow, as well as a wide variety of gardening books. The library will host several seed and gardening-related programs throughout the year, including Grow Great Vegetables, Warm Season Crops and a seed program for children this spring.

They will also provide a program on container gardening, a session on saving seeds sometime this summer, and a guided seed walk in the fall. Check library newsletters, the website <https://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/>, and the Seed Library Page <https://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/seed-library/> for events, dates, and more information.

To participate, simply stop by the library lobby and select your seeds. Each household can choose up to 10 packets of seeds per month.

The library is also looking for seed donations to help keep this program running.

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34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley, right, did a ceremonial swearing-in of the newest judge at his court, Teresa A. Patton, left. Her children hold the Bible. This was part of Judge Patton's Investiture Ceremony on March 25. Her children are Andre'a, Lamont, Amari, Aidan, and Austin. Judge Patton has been fully serving on the court since the beginning of the year when her six-year term began.

34th District Court Judge Teresa Patton honored with Investiture

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

34th District Court Judge Teresa Patton, who was elected last November, had been legally sworn in weeks ago, and has been participating fully in the court since the first of the year.

But, March 25 was a special day at Wayne County Community College in Van Buren Township where a large crowd gathered to take part in her Investiture Ceremony.

Her younger sister Charity Davidson, vice president of Human Relations and Chief People Officer for Rochester University, was mistress of ceremonies for the evening and she said she was going to hang onto the microphone until the end of the night.

Activities began at 6 p.m. with refreshments. Speakers and singing and praying began at 6:30 p.m. and lasted until almost 8 p.m.

Judge Patton led a processional into the room surrounded by her large family, with her sister Charity coming off of the stage to join her family in the procession.

That was followed by 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley and Judge Lisa Martin, along with retired Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Then came a group of a dozen judges from other district and circuit court courtrooms. Although the Van Buren Police Department

Honor Guard was on the agenda next, and announced by Davidson, they were not present.

Judge Patton's son Austin led the pledge to the flag and then a group called PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens), including Judge Patton, sang a hymn.

Then Clyde Frankin, minister of Northwest Church of Christ, gave an invocation.

Charity McClain introduced judges and elected officials and acknowledged the large number of clergy present.

Lengthy remarks followed by Judge Patton's father and mother, Dr. Terrance McClain, Sr. and Mary McClain.

Then there were more remarks by Judge Patton's husband Lamont Patton, attorney Sharon Grier, attorney Rachel McRipley, and retired Judge Tina Brooks Green.

34th District Court Chief Judge Oakley performed a ceremonial oath of office with the Bible held by Judge Patton's children. Then, Judge Patton's parents helped her into her black judge's robe and her husband presented an engraved gavel made especially for her.

34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin, who is president of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, presented Judge Patton with a bright orange banner

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Beau absolutely loves spending time in the yard with his handlers, always seeking affection and belly rubs. He's still working on his leash manners, but with his food motivation and some practice, we're confident he'll improve in no time. Despite his playful nature, Beau is not overly active-he's content with a couple of daily walks and a cozy spot on the couch for movie marathons.

Beau has shown no reactivity to cats during his walks, but he is definitely curious about other dogs. He'd be happiest in a home with a fenced-in yard and someone who enjoys the simple joys of snuggling with a loyal companion. If you're looking for a sweet, low-key dog to be your sidekick, Beau Beau just might be the perfect match!

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman
Judge Teresa Patton sits on the stage at far left as her mother, Mary McClain, right, makes remarks about her daughter at the Investiture Ceremony. Others on the stage next to Judge Patton, from left, are Judge Patton's husband Lamont Patton, 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin, 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley, and retired 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green.

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that Judge Martin said she hoped Patton would hang outside her courtroom.

The room filled with a roar of voices and applause in support of the banner.

Her father and seven other clergy then joined together to bless her and Judge Patton made some closing remarks, saying several times that with her, "People came first" and that was her motto.

The benediction was by Clifton Webb, minister of Wayne Road Church of Christ.

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It's a spring event as predictable as the return of the robins: volunteers will hit the roadsides across lower Michigan beginning Saturday as Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) groups pick up litter on state highways from April 5-13.

The year's first AAH pickup for the Upper Peninsula will be later (May 10-18) when spring has had more time to set in for the northern part of the state.

"Each year, our Adopt-A-Highway volunteers show their dedication to their communities by keeping the roadsides clean," said State Transportation Director Bradley C. Wierich. "These thousands of groups make a huge difference every year. Please help them stay safe while they're out there. Stay alert for the volunteers and drive cautiously during the pickup periods."

The AAH program began in Michigan in 1990. Today, 35 years later, around 2,600 groups have adopted more than 6,000 miles of state highway. Last year alone, these volunteers collected 36,000 bags of trash.

Volunteers pick up litter three times each year. Statewide, there will be a summer pickup from July 12 to 20 and a fall pickup from Sept. 20 to 28.

AAH groups wear high-visibility, yellow-green safety vests required by federal regulations when working within a highway right of way. MDOT provides free vests and trash bags, and arranges to haul away the trash. Volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses and families. Crew members have to be at least 12 years old, and each group must number at least three people.

Sections of highway are still available for adoption. Groups are asked to adopt a section for at least two years. AAH signs bearing a group's name are posted along the stretch of adopted highway. There is no fee to participate. Go to www.Michigan.gov/AdoptAHighway for more information.

Several landfills in southwestern Michigan do their part to help the AAH program. Westside Landfill in St. Joseph County, C&C Landfill in Calhoun County, Orchard Hill Landfill in Berrien County, Southeast Berrien County Landfill near Niles, and Republic Services Gembrit Circle Transfer Station in Kalamazoo have all agreed to accept trash generated by the

three annual AAH pickups at no charge. In exchange, these businesses receive a sign recognizing their support.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 7 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 14 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, April 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Wednesday, April 16 – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St.
- Tuesday, April 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.



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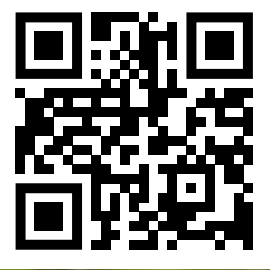
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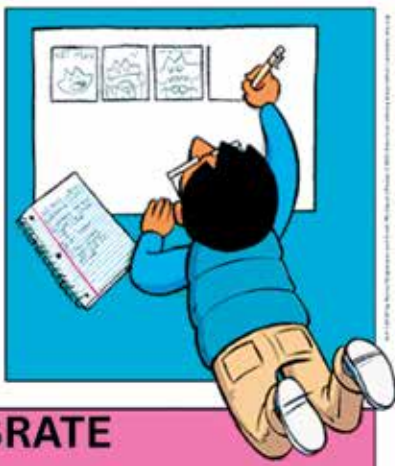
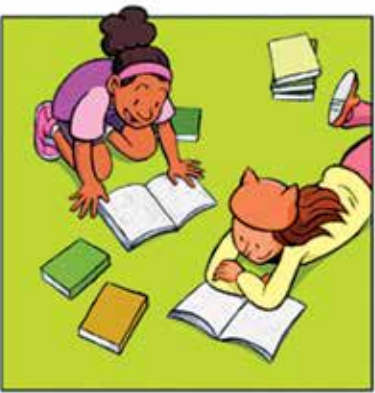


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VBT planners give final site plan approval for Tractor Supply store

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"Hopefully, we're very close to the finish line," said a representative of Tractor Supply, saying he was waiting for the Wayne County approval in writing to finalize the project.

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to give final site plan approval to the project. Commissioner Bernie Grant was absent from the meeting.

It was about a year ago that Tractor Supply started seeking approval for a 22,407-square-foot building at the southeast corner of Sumpter and Hull roads in Van Buren Township.

He said they have verbal approval from the county on the storm water management system that outlets to the county drain, but it is needed in writing to be final.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said the site was previously zoned AG, Agricultural and Estate District; however, the applicant was granted a request to rezone the property to SRMU, Sumpter Road Mixed Use District by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on June 18, 2024. The site also falls within the recently adopted SROD, Sumpter Road Overlay District, which carries higher standards for building design and pedestrian amenities.

The township board also approved special land use. The property that had been labeled "optional" on the plan, has now been included in the plan. She said since a drain goes through the property, easements are taking up some of the 5.4 acres.

Krishnan said all corrections requested had been made on the site plan, including parking spaces and removal of elms, which the township doesn't allow. She said there will be 100 trees and 400 shrubs planted.

"The water detention system with the county took most of the time," she said, recommending approval of the final site plan.

Fishbeck engineer Mike Leppek said the storm water management plan that outlets

to the county drain has been approved, but he needs a soil erosion permit from the county. He, too, recommended approval of the final site plan.

The Tractor Supply representatives said they brought samples of the colors to be used in the brick and other outside colors. Commission chairman Brian Cullin advised them that if there are any changes to what colors they will be using, they need to come back to the commission for approval. Commissioner Jeff Jahr said if they get the wrong color delivered or, worse, if they build with it, it will very expensive to tear down.

Krishnan urged them, "If you have change, come to the planning commission."

They referred to the Hampton Manor project that used a siding color that was not approved by the commission and the developer had to remove the siding and get the approved color put in place.

"I'm looking forward to have Tractor Supply in our community," Commissioner Jahr said, and Commission Chairman Cullin agreed that he is looking forward to this new addition to the community.

Under Public Comment, Brad Traskos of Sumpter Township thanked the planning commission and the Tractor Supply engineers for all their hard work. He said he is happy to see Tractor Supply coming. He said Tim and Jenna at Sumpter Ace Hardware also told him they welcomed the new business. He said the two stores carry "different stuff" and there shouldn't be a conflict.

Traskos said he has lived in the area for 72 years and had served as fire chief of Van Buren Township.

In other business at the one-hour-43-minute meeting, the commission:

- Held a public hearing during which no public spoke and then recommended to the township board rezoning of 12 parcels from R-1B, Residential, to M-1 Industrial and M-T Industrial Transportation along the west side of Haggerty Road between

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Ecorse and Van Born roads at the request of Crossroads Distribution Center North. Dennis Schultz of Ashley Capital explained this was an ongoing process to consolidate property it owns and there is no plan to develop it at this time. Krishnan said, it will probably be for small industrial uses;

- Held a public hearing during which no public spoke and then voted to send a recommendation to the township board to approve a Non-Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment for

PUDs in commercial, office, and industrial developments;

- Was informed the posted public hearing for that evening for a zoning ordinance amendment related to battery energy storage systems has been postponed and notice of a future hearing will be reposted. He said a developer on Rawsonville Road said he will wait for the ordinance to be enacted and he is cooperating with the township. He said the public hearing is expected to be set for May 14;

- Discussed, for more than half an hour, proposed updates to the Commercial Exterior Lighting Standards Zoning Ordinance. Krishnan said several

developers said the township rules made the lights too dim for safety and so the developers were planning to seek variances. Krishnan said a couple of decades ago the lights were very strong at gas stations and so the township's illumination standard was set super low. She said the standards are very, very low now and so she compared this with other communities. When talking about how the ordinance would be enforced, Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers said the township doesn't have a light meter, but will be getting one. After much discussion, Krishnan said she would make changes and bring it back to the commission as soon as possible;

- Heard Akers report on ongoing development issues: the former Leggs Lounge has been taken down, a fireworks tent for Walmart is coming for approval, Camping World is coming back with some site plan changes, the Housing Masterr Plan will be coming before them as will zoning amendments for gas stations. He said at the April 23 meeting there will be preliminary site plans for a rebuilt McDonald's, Contract Welding, an L&W canopy, and a public hearing/site plan review for Chick-fil-A;

- Heard Commissioner Media Atchinson ask how the township can attract sit-down restaurants and Akers said the township could offer rebates and cut water/sewer rates. He said the Agave restaurant in Belleville Square is very successful. He said it's a tough market for restaurants right now. Atchinson said when she was in Florida she saw that big empty malls had been filled with two churches and while she doesn't suggest that for the former Kmart site, it's better than being empty. Akers said there are some plans proposed for that area. Also the laundromat in the former Suzuki building has its building permit and has filed a sign permit application; and

- Heard Akers report the former Twisted

Rooster is now being turned into two small restaurants. The Morning Belle will be open in the morning and lunch with alcohol. Another restaurant will be in the afternoon and evenings. They will be open at different times in the same building and will each have its own bathrooms. The two restaurants will share one kitchen, he said.

Sumpter Twp. board seeks way to replace crumbling water line

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A water line that has had a reported 18 breaks in the last ten years was the focus of a 20-minute discussion at the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees regular meeting on March 25.

"That section of water main is a pain," said Trustee Tim Rush, who also serves as deputy supervisor. "It's nickle and diming us to death."

He referred to the 1.4-mile piece of iron pipe on Willow Road from Sumpter to Haggerty roads, with about 1,600 feet beyond that. The rest is AC (asbestos/concrete), which he said is strong and isn't a problem.

Township Manager Tony Burdick said the engineers have estimated a \$3.33 million cost to replace the pipe.

Manager Burdick said the soft cost of each repair has been for DPW workers overtime and the pay for the lost water, which he estimated was from \$8,000 to \$14,000 beyond the cost of the piping.

"Infrastructure is very important to a township," Supervisor Tim Bowman said.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said the township has to come up with a plan to upgrade the pipes. He pointed out the township just paid off a 30-35-year bond for infrastructure.

"We have to start looking for grants," he said.

Supervisor Bowman said the township could apply for grants for this, but it has in the past and got turned down.

"We can try, try again," he offered. He asked if there is money in the budget that could be loaned to the enterprise fund for this.

"How do we do it?" Oddy said. "Hopefully we'll have a finance director soon."

Supervisor Bowman said all of those at the board table are businessmen and are able to see what needs to be done.

Trustee Rush said they have to finance this with the least impact on the residents. He said this was put on the agenda by Supervisor Bowman so board members could think about it and offer suggestions.

"It's not something we can put off," Supervisor Bowman said.

Treasurer Bart Patterson said there is \$2.6 million in the enterprise fund and that could be used.

Supervisor Bowman said they need to determine how bad it would hurt to take money from that and they couldn't deplete it completely.

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Documents will be available for viewing on **March 31, 2025**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki at Plante Moran Realpoint at: rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

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Van Buren Township DDA pays \$25,000 dues for Aerotropolis

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its 29-minute meeting on March 25, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to pay its 2025 Detroit Region Aerotropolis dues of \$25,000.

Absent from the meeting were DDA board members Joe Baskin, Dawn Chappell, and Joyce Rochowiak.

DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn said Van Buren Township has been a part of the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis since its creation. She said Aerotropolis continues to be an economic development tool for marketing the township's available industrial properties, attracting businesses, and generating leads.

She said Aerotropolis Executive Director Christopher Girdwood responds and tracks all Michigan Economic Development Corporation project requests, as well as responds on behalf of the township for properties that fit the criteria the MEDC is looking for.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who sits on the DDA and is chairman of the Aerotropolis board, said the township has been paying Aerotropolis dues for more than 16 years.

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said Aerotropolis has changed a lot since the beginning. He said it changed directors a lot in the early days.

Supervisor McNamara said Chris Girdwood is doing the best as director over all the others.

"We don't have an economic development director," McNamara said, referring to Van Buren Township. "We rely on Chris."

McNamara referred to the Aerotropolis broker luncheon he had attended earlier that day at Michigan Flight Museum (the former Yankee Air Museum) and several large developers were present to talk to him about properties in the township.

According to *Independent* files, the Aerotropolis Development Corporation was formed in 2009 when the VBT DDA agreed to pay the township's annual dues of \$50,000. The state legislature was still wrestling with the legislation proposed in 2008 to provide economic incentives to attract businesses in the area of the airports. But that was tabled because surrounding counties questioned the fairness of this, since they needed help, too. The Aerotropolis Local Development Finance Authority was being proposed.

At the beginning, communities that signed on were Van Buren Township, Belleville, Huron Township, Taylor, Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Romulus.

Belleville said it was going to ask for a waiver of its dues due to hardship or ask for the Belleville DDA to pay it.

Belleville, Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti are no longer a part of Aerotropolis, but Wayne County, Washtenaw County, Wayne County

Metro Airport Authority/Willow Run, and MEDC have joined as public partners and there are several private partners, as well.

In other business at the March 25 meeting, the DDA:

- Re-elected the present officers for another year: chairman Craig Atchinson,

vice-chairman Mark Laginess, and secretary Chris Brown;

- Approved the cleaning services quotation received from JANPRO Cleaning & Disinfecting for one weekly nighttime clean in the amount of \$315 per month, a biannual deep-clean service in the

amount of \$275 each, and one tile scrub for \$500, for a yearly total of \$4,830 for two years. The current contract with Lakefront Windows had expired which prompted the rebidding of the services to the DDA building. JANPRO of Farmington Hills

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Charter Township of Van Buren

Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

Spring cleaning will begin Monday, April 14, 2025

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed April 14

New items may be displayed beginning Friday, April 18, 2025

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

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- Otisville** - 41875 Riggs Road

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Leon Wright
Township Clerk

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On April 8th, 2025, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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2009	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT57NX91300753	24-14815
2007	FORD	SW	1FMFU165X7LA73887	24-14825
2016	FORD	SW	1FMCU9GX2GUB70352	25-223
2006	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG558364256976	25-304
2015	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JE6SB0F4111391	25-367
2022	DAIXI	CY	L37MMGFT3NZ030829	25-1425
2006	HUMMER	SW	5GTDN136868230705	25-1975A

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2005	CHRYSLER	SW	2C3JA63H75H105695	24-14810
2007	CHEVROLET	SW	3GNDA13D17S598242	25-1377
2013	VOLVO	TK	4V4NC9EH6DN146707	25-2060
1998	FORD	UT	1FDNF80C2WVA36891	25-3034

All vehicles are sold in “As is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: April 3rd, 2025

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **April 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

Case 24-008: Chick-Fil-A – Special Land Use Request. A request by PEA Group – Leslie Accardo on behalf of owner Belleville North Venture, LLC to construct a drive-thru restaurant located at parcel V125-83-061-99-0005-727 on the East side of Belleville Road, North of North Interstate 94 Service Drive and South of Tyler Road.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail to rakers@vbtmi.gov. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

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Bridge

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center pier installed, they do not intend to block boat traffic until later in the summer. During the summer they will need a day to place beams, another day to pour the deck, and two days to pour the barrier walls. There will be a time where one side is closed at a time to place concrete rip rap along the bottom. The contractor has indicated that they will try to complete the work during the week to avoid weekend water users.

The dates for the closures are fluid as the contractor moves through the construction process and the township will make sure that we share information about the specific dates of closures as it becomes available. The following schedule is tentative and may be subject to change:

End of March/early April: Center pier completed, boat path opened up;

Mid/Late August: One-day closure for beam setting;

September: One-day closure for deck pouring; Two-day closure for pouring barrier walls;

Late September: One side at a time closure for rip rap installation.

We do not know at this time if the September closures will be three consecutive days or if they will be separate days. We will share information on social media as it becomes available. The bidding documents for the project requires that the township and county be given a seven-day notice for any closures on the project.

• *Will the passageway be blocked on any weekends?*

The contractor has indicated that they will try to complete the work during the week and avoid weekend users. If there are any weekend closures the township will provide information on social media as it becomes available.

• *How tall will the clearance be under the completed bridge exactly?*

The township’s engineer has put together a drawing depicting the clearance height of the new Denton Road Bridge during normal water levels at approximately 9’ 4 5/8” on the west side and a clearance of 9’ 4 1/2” on the east side. For comparison purposes the former Denton Road Bridge had a clearance of 7’ 4 1/4”, and the Belleville Road Bridge has a clearance of 9’ 4”.

• *How wide will the bridge opening be during construction?*

The bridge openings will be wide enough for boats during construction. The lanes are proposed to be approximately 30’ 6” in width on each side of the center pier during construction.

• *When will the bridge be complete and open to vehicle traffic?*

The current construction schedule has the bridge being opened to traffic by the end of December 2025 with a final completion of the project occurring in spring of 2026. As always with construction projects unanticipated delays, weather, or field conditions can lead to schedules getting pushed back or adjusted. We will do our best to keep residents informed of any

significant schedule changes in the project.

• *How will the construction impact events on or around Belleville Lake over the summer?*

The township has worked with the City of Belleville and other groups around the lake to identify the dates of various events on the lake during the summer so the contractors are aware of them and can limit any disruptions of these events.

• *Are there any artist drawings that the township can share of the new bridge?*

Yes, there are some renderings that will be posted on the township website and will be shared with the Belleville Independent. This should be placed on the website the week of March 31.

• *Can the township share the engineering drawings for the new bridge?*

Yes, we will place the engineering drawings on the Township website during the week of March 31.

Please, feel free to contact the township via phone at (734) 699-8913 or via email at rakers@vbtmi.gov if there are any further questions or concerns. Thank you and we look forward to continued progress on the project.

VBT DDA

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was low-bidder of three and included six letters of recommendation from customers;

• Heard Coburn report on the right-of-way acquisitions for the widening of Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse. The DDA has acquired 14 rights of way through settlement and Judgement Consent totaling \$821,664.74. Four addresses have defaulted on the 21-day notice to contest and the DDA attorney is trying to contact the property owners to get them paid the appraisal amounts. Two others have an attorney and the DDA attorney will meet with them April 7 to discuss their offers. There is a total of \$107,480 to be paid out, she said. Because state funds are being used on the widening construction, the MDOT requires documentation of a 15-page checklist for each parcel to make sure it was all acquired under the Uniform Act. The county is scheduled to go out for bids on the project on Aug. 1;

• Heard Supervisor McNamara say the township is working with State Farm to acquire property for the future western extension of Robson Road. He said the township owns one acre from the north side of the Clover Communities’ driveway that it was given by Clover;

• Learned most of the rights of way for the Tyler Road Non-Motorized Pathway are in the public right of way and the DDA will talk with property owners where right of way over private property is needed. Coburn said plans call for MDOT to go out for bids on this project on Oct. 3;

• Heard Coburn say the next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on April 22 and it will be just discussion and very informal.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 295 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, March 23:

0110 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0244 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0919 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Ecorse Rd.
1049 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1045 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1230 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1247 – threat, Wildbrook Dr.
1246 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1247 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
xxxx – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1303 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1312 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1356 – unattended death, Ecorse Rd.
1441 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1653 – threat, Winchester St.
1822 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1948 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
2010 – welfare check, Anna Dr.
2059 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2138 – assist other dept., Wildbrook Dr.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Oak Ln.
2240 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Sawgrass Ct.

Monday, March 24:

0213 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Green Meadows
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0226 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0228 – misc. complaint, Jeremy Rd./Chloe Ct.
0440 – warrant arrest, Taylor PD
0523 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0753 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
0932 – welfare check, Washington
0944 – fraud, W. Adams
1020 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1023 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Green Ln.
1048 – missing person, Elwell Rd.
1159 – larceny, Old Rawsonville Rd.
1153 – property check, Cottonwood Dr.
1311 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1359 – assist other dept., Oak Ln.
1551 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1535 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1546 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
xxxx – welfare check, Van Buren St.
2000 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
2028 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
2038 – neighbor trouble, Birch Dr.
2208 – welfare check, Washington

Tuesday, March 25:

0037 – animal complaint, Belleville/Ecorse
0137 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0749 – welfare check, Washington
1004 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1219 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.
1246 – property check, Westlake Cir.
1556 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1618 – welfare check, W. I-94 Service Dr.
1623 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1644 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1700 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1704 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.
1727 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1823 – trespassing, Independence Ln.
1817 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1936 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2005 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2106 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
2238 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Ponderosa Trl.

2338 – domestic, Richard Run Dr.

Wednesday, March 26:

0028 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
xxxx – repossession, N. Woodbury Dr.
0214 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Birch Dr.
0632 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
0651 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
0829 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
xxxx – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
1005 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1056 – fraud, Waters Edge Ln.
1110 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1121 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1158 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1215 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1226 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Richard Run Dr.
1347 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1354 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1455 – neighbor trouble, Deanna Dr.
1528 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Speedway
1553 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd.
1908 – noise complaint, Elwell Rd./Lauren Ct.
1840 – threat, N. Woodbury Dr.
1902 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2034 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2047 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.
2111 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2128 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
2142 – domestic, Village Green Ln.
2250 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
Thursday, March 27:
0142 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
0341 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brookside Dr.
0439 – larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.
0442 – larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.
0544 – larceny from auto, Brookside Dr.
0844 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
1037 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1041 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1050 – fraud, Fret Rd.
1206 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1215 – misc. complaint, E. Sadie Ln.
1234 – misc. complaint, Denton Rd.
1314 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1321 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
1337 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1337 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1404 – animal complaint, Woodwall Ct.
1521 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1524 – threat, S. Cumberland Dr.
1614 – noise complaint, Arlene Ln.
1622 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Greenbriar Dr.
1724 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1725 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1827 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Cumberland Ct.
1824 – larceny from auto, Brookside Dr.
1852 – noise complaint, Union St.
1928 – juvenile complaint, Jackson St.
2038 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
2138 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Old Rawsonville Rd.
Friday, March 28:
0027 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0107 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
0123 – assist fire dept., N. Timberview Dr.
0215 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
0338 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
0428 – welfare check, Freedom Way
0524 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./S. Ponderosa Trl.
0636 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.
0658 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0902 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1033 – juvenile complaint, Winchester St.
1044 – welfare check, Lancaster Dr.
1138 – motorist assist, Belleville/Van Born
1150 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

1252 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1253 – assist other dept., Winchester St.
1316 – assist other dept., Village Green Ln.
1346 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1350 – fraud, Greenbriar Dr.
1409 – fight, S. Woodbury Dr.
1500 – disorderly, S. Woodbury Dr.
1548 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1623 – threat, Riggs Rd.
1640 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1646 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1836 – welfare check, Van Buren St.
1909 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
1926 – assist fire dept., W. I-94/Haggerty
2030 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
2101 – family trouble, Spruce Ln.
2120 – domestic, Freedom Way
2157 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2154 – juvenile complaint, Lancaster Dr. / Berkdale Dr.

2322 – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd.
2337 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
2339 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
Saturday, March 29:
0010 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0138 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
0217 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
0339 – domestic, Revere Dr.
0434 – assist fire dept. Oak Ln.
0855 – 911 welfare check, S. Cumberland Dr.
1003 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1158 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1244 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1411 – intrusion alarm, Liberty Ln.
1440 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1759 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Berkdale Dr.
1846 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1908 – assist fire dept., Belmont Dr.
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd./Van Allen Ave.
2112 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.
2146 – 911 welfare check, Rose Blvd.
2216 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville
2221 – family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2307 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
Also, on this log are 107 traffic stops, 22 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 23:

0401 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.
0910 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
1356 – 911 welfare check, Menlo Park
1545 – 911 welfare check, Estrada Dr.
2223 – harassment call, Anaheim St.
2303 – assist other dept., Henry St.

Monday, March 24:

0828 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1217 – assist other dept., Potter Dr.
1428 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes – N. Aberdeen Ct.
1534 – welfare check, Estrada Dr.
1640 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2355 – vehicle lockout, Bay Pointe Dr.

Tuesday, March 25:

2026 – welfare check, Carmell St.

Wednesday, March 26:

0857 – property check, Victoria Commons
1455 – animal complaint, South St.
1625 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1717 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
2249 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr.
Thursday, March 27:
0436 – larceny from auto, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0457 – larceny from auto, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0735 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Victorian Ln.
0922 – missing person, W. Columbia Ave.

0934 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0953 – follow up by officer, South St.
1245 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1602 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr. / Loza Ln.
1843 – property check, Denton Rd.
1926 – traffic offense, High St.
2108 – welfare check, Wexford Ave.

Friday, March 28:

0856 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1251 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Wabash Ave.
1740 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1924 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1934 – civil matter, Main St.
Saturday, March 29:
0327 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1309 – welfare check, Fourth St.
1901 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
There are 112 reports on this week's log and 75 of these are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 23:

0140 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
0157 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Oregon St.
0220 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
0311 – traffic complaint/hazard, Harris/Haggerty
0506 – suspicious circumstance, Alaska St.
0704 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1048 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1106 – follow-up investigation, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1244 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1332 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
1355 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1415 – damage to property, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1601 – assault, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1614 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Talladay Rd.
1636 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1822 – animal complaint, Kansas St.
1830 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1839 – suspicious vehicle, Magnolia Dr.
1847 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Wear
1944 – animal complaint, Montana St.
1951 – suspicious vehicle, Willis Rd./Rawsonville
2120 – traffic complaint/hazard, 40000 bl. Harris

Monday, March 24:

0828 – suspicious circumstance, Alaska St.
0849 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1024 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1051 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1116 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1137 – harassment complaint, Washington St.
1311 – 911 hangup, Butternut Dr.
1544 – alarm, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.
1653 – 911 hangup, Texas St.
1746 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Reed
1838 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.
2019 – family trouble, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2036 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
2105 – felony warrant arrest, out of township
2138 – neighbor dispute, Carriage Ln.
2158 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
2230 – suspicious circumstance, Colorado St.

Tuesday, March 25:

0015 – noise complaint, Greenmeadow Dr.
0837 – follow-up investigation, Knollwood Dr.
1502 – alarm, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1520 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1523 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1641 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1812 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2004 – assist other agency, 5800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2135 – ORV complaint, Sherwood Rd./Wear Rd.
2151 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2309 – suspicious person, Brookview Dr./Rustic Ln.
2341 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Harris
Wednesday, March 26:
0532 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1039 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Savage
1223 – 911 hangup, Wayside Dr.
1230 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

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Sumpter Twp.

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Township attorney Rob Young said grants for water and sewer lines are hard to get because everybody needs them. He said in the past they used consultants on bonds. There are lots of details and it's very complicated, but very do-able.

"One of these days the whole line will collapse," Young said. "This one needs attention." He said maybe they should put it on the agenda for each meeting until a solution is found.

Trustee Oddy said maybe they should look into other pipes that are failing and add it to this one so they don't keep going out for bonds.

Clerk Donald LaPorte said he would like to see a map of the ages of pipes the township has in the ground to get a bigger scope of what we're trying to do.

Supervisor Bowman said they could talk to longtime DPW employee John Krushlin. He said he recently learned Krushlin has a bible on every break for the last 30 years and his notes include dates, weather, how long it took to fix.

Burdick said the permeations in the iron lines aren't just leaks, but holes about the size of a softball. He said he would get to work on getting information for the board.

In other business at the 70-minute meeting on March 25, the board:

- Approved the amended 2024-25 Sumpter Township Operating Budget

and the 2025-26 Operating Budget. A 20-minute public hearing was held before that night's regular meeting when Burdick presented the budget details instead of Cari Ford, whose name was on the agenda. No public spoke at the hearing;

- Approved the employment agreement for Ken Marten as the Sumpter Township Manager. He was present at the meeting;

- Approved the retirement notice and employment extension of Anthony Burdick;

- Approved the annual cost of \$169,006 for the Acrisure MTPP liability-related insurance coverage effective April 1. Jon Johnson gave a 33-minute presentation on the insurance coverage at the beginning of the meeting. He apologized for having incorrect information in the document on township properties, which he said he would correct and send to the township the next day. Also, Johnson said his records show the township has 39 vehicles and with the new fire truck coming April 1, that will make it 40;

- Approved the renewal of the annual Fire Department AD&D Policy with Provident for \$791 effective April 1;

- Approved revisions to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority sewer use ordinance as prepared by attorney Young;

- Approved the Parks and Recreation Committee's Easter Celebration on April 19 at Graham Park;

- Approved the Parks and Recreation Committee's Earth Day Celebration and clean-up of Banotai/Sherwood Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 26;

- Approved the employment agreement with Ronald Tabor, the new Department of Public Services director;

- Approved the final payout of Kevin Scott of \$2,659.20;

- Heard Clerk LaPorte announce that the quarterly Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection Day starts at 8 a.m., April 5, in Harper Woods, with details on the township website;

- Heard Burdick announce the fire department's new fire truck is to be

delivered April 1 and will be at the April 8 township board meeting for inspection;

- Heard Burdick announce that Wayne County has a proposal for paving projects where the county will pay 1:1 with a township up to \$1 million. There is \$7 million to share among the Wayne County Townships on the three-and-a-half-page application is due April 11. Clerk LaPorte said the county commission will look at the reasoning behind the request. LaPorte had been advocating for completion of the paving of Judd Road so the fire department would have easier passage to the many calls at Rawsonville Woods;

- Also heard Burdick say he would like to reestablish the Martinsville Cemetery Committee, since the only two members no longer work for the township. He said they have to pay attention to upkeep of the cemetery so they don't lose what headway they have. He would like to put the cemetery in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Trustee Oddy said he'd like Parks and Recreation to do spring cleanup at the cemetery before Memorial Day. He also volunteered to serve on the new cemetery committee. Treasurer Patterson said Karen Armatis, a former member of the committee, has volunteered to help set the engraved stone when it is delivered. It had been ordered for the cemetery; and

- Heard Rush remind everyone that the Skywarn Training, with him as instructor, will be given beginning at 9 a.m. April 5 at the fire hall. He said it will be 60-90-minutes long and "could save your life."

Annual Indoor Flea Market is May 1-3

The Annual Indoor Flea Market at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, is set for May 1-3.

On Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2, the hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Saturday, May 3, the hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

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1616 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1633 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
1935 – assist other agency, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2022 – suspicious person, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
2200 – fraud complaint, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2250 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
Thursday, March 27:
0719 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0932 – possession of stolen property, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1105 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1317 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1332 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1635 – 911 hangup, Edgewood Dr./Carriage Ln.
1942 – follow-up investigation, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1943 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
2128 – suspicious person, Arizona St.
2140 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Willis

Friday, March 28:

0327 – suspicious person, Birch Dr.
0840 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0945 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1234 – PPO violation, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1527 – 911 hangup, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1624 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2034 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2058 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2154 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2157 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, March 29:

0642 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0824 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.
1124 – 911 hangup, Washington St.
1214 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Judd
1259 – juvenile matter, Arizona St.
1333 – 911 hangup, Edgewood Dr./Carriage Ln.
1436 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Sully
1504 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1729 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1925 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2207 – shots fired, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2237 – civil matter, Greenmeadow Dr.
2343 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.
Also on this week's log are 190 patrol checks, 55 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.



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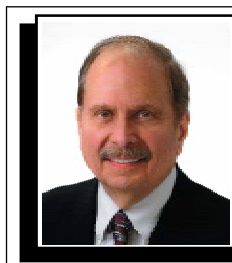
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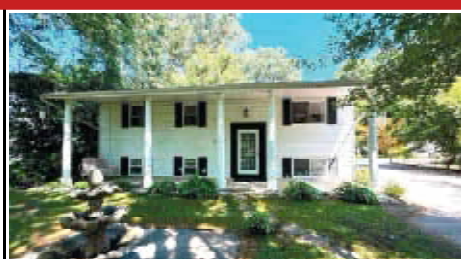
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25 POTTER, BELLEVILLE

BELLEVILLE LAKE - OPEN HOUSE Features 3,200 Sq Ft, 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. Totally Upgraded with Premium Material, Dock, Multi Level Deck 2 1/2 Car Garage. \$759,000



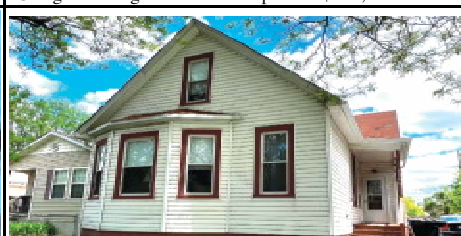
8525 CHERRY HILL, SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

IN A MOST PRIVATE WORLD. Premium Kitchen, 4 bedrooms (First Floor Master), 3 1/2 Baths, 4,400 Sq Ft, Finished Basement, 40x60 Pole Barn on 5 1/2 Acres. \$1,150,000



404 MAIN STREET, BELLEVILLE

LARGE RESTAURANT IN THE MIDDLE OF BELLEVILLE. 6,000+ Sq Ft. Includes All Interior Equipment, Coolers. For Sale at \$895,000 or Lease \$4,000 Mo 3X



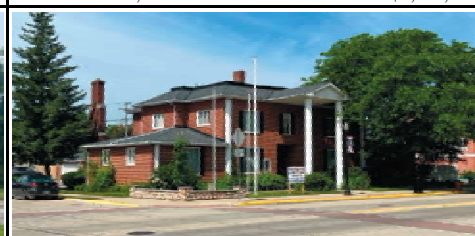
3066 23RD STREET, DETROIT

IMPRESSIVE 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Full Basement, Two Kitchens and Just down the street from Slow's Barbecue, Corktown & Michigan Central Train Station. \$115,000



13300 EDGE DALE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

THIS IMPRESSIVE VICTORIAN home offers an open family room and dining room with Hardwood floors showcasing the arched windows. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms \$269,900



209 MAIN STREET, BELLEVILLE

IT'S A POSSIBLE AIR B&B 7,000+ Square Foot Building on High Traffic Main Street. Large Rooms, Finished Basement and 6 plus Car Garage. \$749,000 or Lease

BELLEVILLE 3 RESIDENTIAL LOTS ONE
PENDING CITY CROSS
FROM BELLEVILLE LAKE NOW \$49,000
3 ACRES - COMMERCIAL CORNER AT
SUMPTER AND WILLOW NOW \$150,000

GRANT & WAHRMAN 4 ACRES LT IND BY
METRO AIRPORT \$250,000
2 PARCELS
SOLD
One
Outbuilding and Survey \$315,800 for Both
HAGGERTY **SOLD** \$70,000

WILLIS R. SOLD \$60,000
WILLIS & MARTINSVILLE 1.64 AC \$65,000
JUDD RD. SOLD \$39,500
GRANT ROMULUS 1.8 AC LT IND \$45,000
28260 SHERWOOD SUMPTER 10A \$120,000
39 MORROSS CIRCLE, DEARBORN \$25,000

4 PARCELS 1 PARCEL LEFT
BEMIS & MARTINSVILLE. CORNER LOT
1 ACRE BETTER HURRY NOW \$50,000
VACANT SOLD \$55,000
***** BELLEVILLE LAKEFRONT *** 2405**
RAWSONVILLE 99X328 .74 AC \$99,900

CORNER OF SHERWOOD & HIND ROAD
SUMMIT
SOLD
FARMER OR BUILT FOR \$200,000
19+ ACRES BREST RD. TAYLOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY - PAVED STREET NEAR INKSTER ROAD. \$550,000



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